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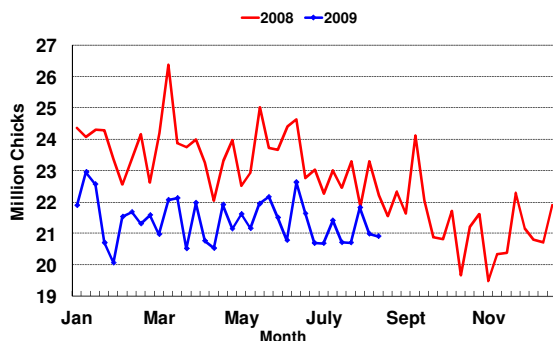
Arkansas Chick Placements Down 6 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 20.9 million during the week ending August 22, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2008 but virtually unchanged from the previous week.

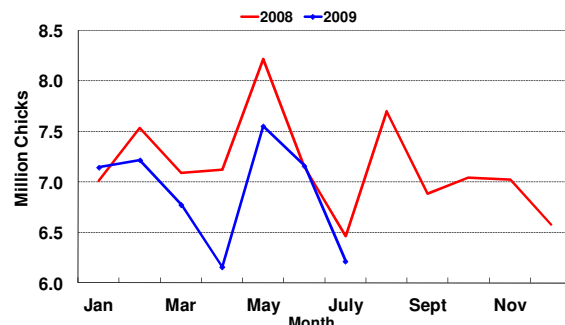
Arkansas hatcheries set 23.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 22, 2009, down 6 percent from the same period last year but up 4 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 6.21 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2009, down 4 percent from July 2008.

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2008-2009



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed For Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2008-2009



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, July 25, 2009 - August 22, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	25-Jul	1-Aug	8-Aug	15-Aug	22-Aug	25-Jul	1-Aug	8-Aug	15-Aug	22-Aug
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	28,743	29,079	28,494	28,946 *	27,915	21,263	21,071	20,988	20,248 *	20,177
Arkansas	23,069	22,900 *	23,090	22,223	23,201	20,718	20,714	21,833	20,998	20,919
Delaware	3,438	3,289	3,659	3,788	3,745	5,399	5,153	4,591	4,876	4,696
Florida	993	999 *	915 *	885 *	885	723	741	743	724 *	727
Georgia	31,282	31,471 *	31,309	30,858	31,587	26,528	26,953	26,391	26,252	26,504
Kentucky	7,748	7,494 *	7,806	7,790	7,664	6,337	6,876	6,341	6,190	6,457
Louisiana	3,424	3,455	3,455	3,455	3,455	2,888	2,948	2,914	2,955	3,003
Maryland	8,854	8,987	8,964	8,956	8,957	5,083	5,619	6,242	5,869	6,277
Mississippi	18,529	18,259 *	18,451	18,095	18,218	16,092	15,996	16,183	16,360	16,218
N. Carolina	18,575	18,764 *	18,587	18,656	18,500	15,055	15,135	15,586	15,017	15,684
Oklahoma	6,980	6,884 *	6,391	6,757	6,959	4,456	5,025 *	4,095	4,163	4,499
Pennsylvania	3,954	3,962	3,842	3,905 *	3,684	2,911	3,209	3,428	3,218 *	3,198
S. Carolina	5,810	5,736	5,839	5,815	5,758	5,213	4,395	4,661	4,926	4,791
Texas	15,472	15,378	15,280	15,409	14,843	12,767	13,292	13,213	13,166	13,116
Virginia	6,178	6,192	6,149	6,154	6,089	4,963	4,898	4,878	5,171	4,789
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,717	18,530	18,724	18,622	18,483	16,462	15,129	17,300	17,042	15,260
19 State Total	201,766	201,379 *	200,955 *	200,314 *	199,943	166,858	167,154 *	169,387	167,175 *	166,315
Prev. Year Total	209,872	207,229	207,161	207,095	206,837	170,837	172,890	173,001	172,779	170,273
% of Prev. Year	96	97	97	97	97	98	97	98	97	98

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 22, 2009. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 22, 2009. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through August 22, 2009 were 5.72 billion, down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.